

DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the Appeal Brief filed on 01/04/10. Claims 1-7, 9 and 16-23 have been cancelled. Claims 8, 10-15 and 25-30 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 8, 10-15 and 25-30 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance and in light of Applicant's arguments on the Appeal Brief filed on 01/04/10 particularly Pages 8-10 inclusively.
3. The drawings filed on 04/02/04 have been acknowledged and considered by the Examiner.
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VANEL FRENEL whose telephone number is (571)272-6769. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Gart can be reached on 571-272-3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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